

CONSTANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

1 Falcon Drive, Constantine, MI 49042

Board of Education Organizational & Regular Board Meeting

Monday, January 26, 2026 @ 6:00 PM - Constantine High School - Media Center

Notice: Individuals wishing to express comments to the Board of Education will be able to do so during the designated Public Comment time.

I. The Board of Education Regular Meeting was called to order by __Stamp__ at _6:00_ PM.

II. Roll Call

Hall - _P_, Rodewald - _P_, Gray - _P_, Alger- _absent_ ,

Komins - _P_, Stamp - _P_, Hoss - _P_

Members Present: 6

Members Absent: 1 - Jody Alger

Jody Alger - arrived at 6:51 PM

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Consent Agenda

A. 12.15.26 Meeting Minutes

B. Payment of Bills - \$335,823.89

Voice Vote: *All those in favor signify by saying:*

Aye - _6_, Opposed - _0_

Motion: Passed

V. Reaffirm the following bylaws:

A. 1st meeting in January every year is organizational meeting, elect Board Officers:
President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer

B. Establish Meeting Requirements

1. 1 regular meeting/month (Mondays @ 6pm)

2. 1 work sessions/year (Saturday, currently in March)

3. 2 meetings per school year will be scheduled in Cass County

C. Establish Board Committees/Reps

1. Board Committees

a) Policy - Jerry Gray, Wendy Rodewald, Jeff Komins

b) Facilities - Jeff Komins, Mike Hoss, Jody Alger

c) Finance - Amy Hall, Jerry Gray, MaRinda Stamp

2. Association Reps

a) St. Joe County School Board Association Representative: MaRinda Stamp

(1) St. Joe County School Board Association Alternate Rep: Mike Hoss

b) MASB Legislative Relations Network Rep: Jerry Gray

(1) MASB Legislative Relations Network Alternate Rep: Jeff Komins

D. Training/Travel Reimbursement

1. Training - Reminder - MDE may reimburse the district up to \$100 for training intended to enhance board member knowledge.

2. Travel - \$50 per diem on meals, as long as meal is not included w/ registration, lodging. Private vehicles used to travel for Board duties may be reimbursed at standard IRS rate.

E. Procedure for filling vacancies on the board

1. Board Member Vacancy ([Policy 2404](#))
 - a) Publicize vacancy notice on website, social media, word of mouth
 - b) Accept letters of interest to Superintendent and/or Board President (then forward to board as received).
 - c) Interview applicants in open session
 - d) [MASB Guide](#)

Motion to reaffirm bylaws as presented for the calendar year.

Moved by _Komins_ and seconded by _Hall_

Voice Vote:

Aye - _6_, Opposed - _0_

Motion: passed

VI. Action Items:

A. At this time, nominations for the office of President of the Constantine School Board will be taken.

Moved by _Rodewald_ and seconded by _Komins_ to approve _MaRinda Stamp_ as President of the Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote:

Komins- _A_, Stamp- _A_, Hoss- _A_, Rodewald- _A_, Gray- _A_, Hall- _A_,
Alger- _absent_

Motion: 5-0, Passed

B. At this time, nominations for the office of Vice President of the Constantine School Board will be taken.

Moved by _Hoss_ and seconded by _Gray_ to approve _Amy Hall_ as Vice President of the Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote:

Alger- _absent_, Hoss- _A_, Rodewald- _A_, Stamp- _A_, Hall- _abstain_, Gray- _A_,
Komins- _abstain_

Motion: 4-0, Passed

C. At this time, nominations for the office of Secretary of the Constantine School Board will be taken.

Moved by _Hall_ and seconded by _Komins_ to approve _Wendy Rodewald_ as Secretary of the Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote:

Hall- _A_, Alger- _absent_, Gray- _A_, Hoss- _A_, Stamp- _A_, Komins- _A_,
Rodewald- _abstain_

Motion: 6-0, Passed

D. At this time, nominations for the office of Treasurer of the Constantine School Board will be taken.

Moved by _Rodewald_ and seconded by _Hoss_ to approve _Jerry Gray_ as Treasurer of the Board of Education.

Roll Call Vote:

Hoss- _A_, Gray- _abstain_, Rodewald- _A_, Hall- _A_, Alger- _absent_,
Komins- _A_, Stamp- _A_

Motion: 5-0, Passed

E. Motion to approve the Superintendent and Business Manager to invest school funds and designate the Business Manager as the Electronic Transfer Officer.

Moved by _Hall_ and seconded by _Komins__

Roll Call Vote:

Rodewald-_A_, Hall-_A_, Stamp-_A_, Komins-_A_, Gray-_A_, Alger-_absent_, Hoss-_A_

Motion: 6-0, Passed

F. Motion to approve retainer contracts with: Attorney - Thrun Law Firm, P.C., Accounting Firm - Gabridge & Company.

Moved by _Hoss_ and seconded by _Hall_

Roll Call Vote:

Stamp-_A_, Rodewald-_A_, Hall-_A_, Komins-_A_, Hoss-_A_, Gray-_A_, Alger-_absent_

Motion: 6-0, Passed

G. Motion to designate Bank of America, Southern Michigan Bank & Trust and MILAF as depositories for school funds.

Moved by _Gray_ and seconded by _Rodewald_

Roll Call Vote:

Alger-_absent_, Rodewald-_A_, Komins-_A_, Hoss-_A_, Stamp-_A_, Gray-_A_, Hall-_A_

Motion: 6-0, Passed

VII. Presentations:

A. Superintendent Report - Pat Breen

1. Board Appreciation Month - Thank you for all you do and your service, attended MASA conference, 31AA update, 27L additional budget line item, HVAC update, Weather Update/School Closure, AD update, contracting with SEC to rewrite our Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) beginning next month

VIII. Discussion Items:

A. Reschedule canceled Finance Committee Meeting (1.26.26)

1. Finance - 2.16.26 @ 10:00am, cancel policy

Jody Alger - arrived at 6:51 PM

IX. Action Items:

X. Closed Session

A. Motion to move into closed session under 8(1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act to conduct the superintendent's mid year per the superintendent's request at _6:54_ PM.

Moved by __Rodewald_ and seconded by _Hall_

“Any Discussion?”

Roll Call Vote:

Alger-_A_, Komins-_A_, Hoss-_A_, Rodewald-_A_, Stamp-_A_, Gray-_A_, Hall-_A_

Motion: 7-0, Passed

B. Motion to approve coming out of Closed Session and into Open Session under Section 8(1)(a) of the Open Meetings Act at _8:26_ PM.

Moved by _Hall_ and seconded by _Rodewald_

Roll Call Vote:

Gray- _A_, Hoss- _A_, Stamp- _A_, Alger- _A_, Rodewald- _A_, Komins- _A_,
Hall- _A_

Motion: Passed, 7-0

XI. **Stamp shared progress and adjustments to goals with focus areas: Curriculum Map on website, Finals site rollout, Perception Survey, Strategic Plan**

XII. **Audience with Individuals and Public Comment Time:**

XIII. **Comments from Board Members:**

XIV. **Adjournment**

Moved by _Hoss__ and seconded by _Hall_, to approve adjourning the meeting at _8:30 PM.

Voice Vote:

Aye - _7_, Opposed - _0_

Motion: 7-0, Passed

Meeting Adjourned

Wendy Rodewald
Board of Education Secretary